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Strategic Plan for Nez Perce National Historical Park and Big Hole National Battlefield

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### **PREFACE**

This five-year Strategic Plan has been written for one or more units of the greater National Park System administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The National Park System preserves outstanding representations of America's natural, cultural, and recreational resources of national significance. These resources constitute a significant part of America's heritage, character, and future. The National Park Service not only directly and indirectly preserves these national treasures; it also makes them available to millions of visitors from throughout the country and the world every year.

This Strategic Plan was written to fulfill the requirements of Section 104 of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998. This legislation requires all field units of the National Park System prepare Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans consistent with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and make these documents available to the public. The law was a catalyst for our staff to examine its fundamental mission and to take a fresh, longer range view, in precise terms, of what results or outcomes we needed to achieve to more effectively and efficiently accomplish that mission.

The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) is one of the most recent and comprehensive of a number of laws and executive orders directing federal agencies to join the "performance management revolution" already embraced by private industry and many local, state, and national governments. Performance management ensures that daily actions and expenditure of resources are guided by long- and short-term goal setting in pursuit of accomplishing an organization's primary mission, followed by performance measurement and evaluation. Importantly, GPRA mandates that long-term and annual goals be results or outcomes rather than outputs (activities, products, or services) and that they be "objective, quantifiable, and measurable" so that performance can be adequately measured and reported, and progress on mission accomplishment assessed.

GRPA requires federal agencies to develop and use three primary documents in conducting their business. These documents are also to be submitted to the Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

- 1. Strategic Plan of no less than five years duration, reviewed and revised every three years, and containing:
- \* mission statement based in law, executive order, etc.;
- \* long-term goals, which are objective, quantified, and measurable, to accomplish mission;
- \* how goals will be accomplished, is the plan data and narrative showing "...operational processes, skills and technology, and the human, capital, information and other resources required to meet those goals...";
- \* relationship of annual goals to long term goals, a description of how long term goals are carried out in annual goal increments;
- \* key external factors which could positively or negatively affect goal accomplishment;
- \* GPRA also requires consultation with affected and interested parties in the development of the Strategic Plan, and it requires that the plan be
- \* developed by federal employees (versus contractors, etc.).
- 2. Annual Performance Plan tiered off the Strategic Plan each year, showing how long term goals will be accomplished in annual increments, and containing:
- \* annual goals to incrementally achieve long-term goals in Strategic Plan;
- \* annual work plan explaining how annual goals will be accomplished "briefly describe the operational processes, skills and technology, and the human, capital, information and other resources required to meet the performance goals...." and
- \* basis for measuring results "...provide a basis for comparing actual program results with the established performance goals...."
- 3. Annual Performance Report reviewing each year's successes and failures and identifying areas where activities or goals need to be revised in the future, addressing:
- \* what annual goals were met or exceeded;

- \* what annual goals were not met;
- \* why annual goals were not met; and
- \* what remedial action will be taken for goals not met.

#### ABOUT THIS PLAN

In consultation with Congress, OMB and other interested parties, the National Park Service (NPS) developed its own GPRA implementation process. In 2004 the Department of the Interior (DOI) produced a Strategic Plan requiring all agencies in the Department to be aligned with. It is available on the Internet at http://www.doi.gov/ppp/strat\_plan\_fy2003\_2008.pdf.

Individual park plans address the long-term goals in the NPS and DOI plans that are appropriate to the individual units as parts of the overall National Park System and its mission. Then they add goals specific to their own legislative mandates, missions, resources, visitor services, and issues. The park plans, then, are a blend of national and local priorities and goals.

This Strategic Plan follows that pattern. It contains a mission statement born out of the NPS organic act as well as the specific legislation or proclamation establishing the park. It contains mission goals, closely paralleling the "servicewide" mission goals that illustrate in broad brushstroke what we do far beyond five years - "in perpetuity" - to accomplish our stated mission. It then contains long-term goals, which target in quantifiable, measurable ways what we will accomplish in the next four years toward achieving our overall mission goals and mission. The long-term goals address both appropriate "servicewide" goals as well as park-specific outcomes. The goal numbering protocol follows that of the NPS plan with park-specific suffixes. Since not all servicewide goals apply to every park, some numbers may be skipped. In addition, there are numbers containing 0's which are not in the servicewide plan and indicate park-specific goals.

Each long-term goal is repeated with one or more explanatory paragraphs that give background, detail, and other information useful to help the reader understand the goal as well as to sketch in how the goal will be accomplished. The figures in the tables and narrative for each goal contain any general information about "How Goals will be Accomplished", including staffing, fiscal, infrastructure, and other resources available to achieve the plan's long-term goals.

It should be noted that the goals in this plan are generally predicated on "flat budgets". Other than increases for inflation, we assumed no major increases in funding. Where increases in appropriations are known or are likely, they were taken into account. Where other funding sources (donations, fee revenues, etc.) are "reasonably assured", they too are taken into consideration when setting performance targets. Obviously, limits on funding constrain what can be accomplished toward our goals and mission. GPRA, however, is distinctly not about discussing budget shortfalls or requesting or justifying additional funding. Rather it is about planning, managing, and communicating what we can accomplish with the resources we already have while at the same, providing accountability for those resources.

Each year that the Strategic Plan is in effect, there will be a companion Annual Performance Plan which shows in annual goals, that year's targeted incremental achievement of each long-term goal, and a work plan for accomplishing that increment. Each year there will also be an Annual Performance Report discussing actual achievement of the prior year's annual goals and progress on long-term goals.

Copies of this Strategic Plan can be requested from the superintendent. Questions and comments are welcome and encouraged and can be addressed to the superintendent. Copies of the most current Annual Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report are also available on request, with questions and comments equally welcome.

### Park Background Information:

#### ABOUT NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Nez Perce National Historical Park was established by Act of Congress on May 15, 1965, under Public Law 89-19. In 1992, Congress expanded the park under Public Law 102-576 (the Nez Perce National Historical Park Additions Act of 1991) to include additional sites in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, including the Big Hole National Battlefield, already a unit of the National Park System under Public Law 88-24. While two distinct units of the National Park System, with two Superintendents, two budgets, and two museum collections, the two parks are jointly managed and fall under the authority of the Nez Perce National Historical Park Superintendent. This strategic plan reflects that joint management and throughout this document, the name "Nez Perce National Historical Park" is understood to include both park units.

Nez Perce National Historical Park is composed of a multitude of individual sites significant to the history of the Nez Perce people throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, including the 24 sites originally established in 1965 and the additional 14 sites recommended for addition in 1992. The park is rather unusual in that there is no single contiguous federal landbase comprising it and the vast majority of park sites are not owned by the National Park Service. In fact, of the nearly 40 sites now part of the park, the National Park Service owns land associated with only seven of them (East Kamiah, Spalding, Weippe Prairie, Canoe Camp, Big Hole National Battlefield, Old Chief Joseph Gravesite, and Buffalo Eddy), a mere 2618 acres in National Park Service ownership. As this report goes to print, the National Park Service is finalizing the transfer of an additional 190 acres at Bear Paw Battlefield from the State of Montana to the National Park Service. The National Park Service is also anticipating donation of a 180 acre scenic easement on the lands directly across the Clearwater River from the Spalding site in 2005.

The remaining sites are owned by various other federal agencies; tribal, state, county, or local governments; and private non-profit groups or individual landowners. The National Park Service works in partnership with these other landowners to protect the natural and cultural resources of the sites and to provide interpretation of the significance of these resources to Nez Perce history and culture, and the nation.

Much of the work of the National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park involves building and maintaining partnerships and coordinating our collective efforts to protect and interpret park resources. Together with critical partners, the Nez Perce Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, all three tribes with significant Nez Perce member populations, the National Park Service seeks out new opportunities and partners to fulfill our mission and maximize the federal investment. Working with other agencies, governments, and volunteer partners presents a number of challenges but results in wide networks of park stewards all working together to fulfill the mission given the National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park.

## Park Management

Nez Perce National Historical Park headquarters are located in Spalding, Idaho. The park is organized into three geographic and one administrative unit. The Montana Unit of the park manages all park sites in Montana and Camas Meadows (Idaho) and is headquartered in Wisdom, Montana, at the Big Hole National Battlefield. The Idaho Unit manages all remaining park sites in Idaho and that portion of the Lolo Trail extending into Montana and is headquartered in Spalding, Idaho, at park headquarters. The Oregon/Washington Unit manages all sites in Washington and Oregon and is headquartered in Joseph, Oregon. The Park Support Unit includes the divisions of Administration, Maintenance, Interpretation, and Resource Management and is headquartered at Spalding, Idaho.

The Superintendent of Nez Perce National Historical Park oversees all units and is responsible for the overall management of the park. He leads the park's Management Team, composed of the three geographic unit managers and chiefs of the park-wide support divisions, and serves as direct supervisor of each member of the Management Team.

## Park Mission

Nez Perce National Historical Park offers for all Americans an important perspective about our history as a people. It is not the view from the Gateway Arch looking west; it is a view from a homeland looking out,

witnessing the march of history and change, yet continuing today and tomorrow to commemorate and celebrate Nez Perce culture and traditions. It is a park about a people, for all people.

The mission of the National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park arises from the purpose, significance and legislative intent found in Public Law 89-19, the enabling legislation for the park; Public Law 88-24 which established the Big Hole National Battlefield as a unit of the National Park Service; and the Nez Perce National Historical Park Additions Act of 1991, Public Law 102-576.

#### Park Purpose

On the basis of provisions in the enabling legislation, the purpose of Nez Perce National Historical Park is to:

- Facilitate protection and offer interpretation of Nez Perce National sites in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Wyoming that have exceptional value in commemorating the history of the United States
- Preserve and protect tangible resources that document the history of the Nez Perce people and the significant role of the Nez Perce in North American history
- Interpret the culture and history of the Nez Perce peoples and promote documentation to enhance that interpretation.

### Park Significance

Park Significance tells why the park is special, why it is so important that it belongs in the national park system. Statements of significance clearly define the importance of the park resources as they relate to the park's purpose. Knowing the park's significance helps set resource protection priorities, identify primary park interpretive themes, and develop desirable visitor experiences.

The significance of Nez Perce National Historical Park might be summarized as:

- The park preserves a continuum of at least 11,000 years of Nez Perce culture. Its archeological record,
  museum collection, cultural landscapes, and structures are of national significance. The park contains
  historical and cultural landmarks that are of legendary significance to the Nez Perce people. The Nez Perce
  (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail commemorates a significant event in the history of the Nez Perce
  people.
- Nez Perce National Historical Park offers a unique opportunity for visitors to gain an understanding of present-day Nez Perce culture within and outside the Nez Perce homeland and to learn about important events of the past.
- Past and present Nez Perce culture was shaped by the geography and the rich and varied resources of the Nez Perce homeland.
- The park includes parts of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and the Lolo Trail, both of which were used by other cultures. The Nez Perce country, Nez Perce National Historical Park sites, and other Native American cultures overlap but also differ in many ways.
- The park contains burial sites and sacred sites; it is also a focal point for current Nez Perce culture and allows for the continued traditional use of resources. The park honors the rights retained in the 1855 and 1863 treaties and will fully apply all applicable laws, executive orders, policies, and treaties related to the protection of cultural properties and sacred sites.

## Legislative Intent

The park's enabling legislation specifies that that park was created to "facilitate protection and provide interpretation of sites in the Nez Perce Country of Idaho and in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Wyoming that have exceptional value in commemorating the history of the Nation." Specifically mentioned are sites "relating to the early Nez Perce culture, the Lewis and Clark expedition through the area, the fur trade, missionaries, gold mining and logging, the Nez Perce War of 1877, and such other sites as will depict the role of the Nez Perce country in the westward expansion of the Nation."

The legislation goes on to outline how the National Park Service may partner with other landowners or interested parties to fulfill the mission of the park and requires that the National Park Service work closely with the Nez Perce people to ensure that interpretation of Nez Perce history and culture reflects their story accurately. In the end, achieving the protection and interpretation of Nez Perce National Historical Park sites is

possible only through a broad range of partnerships and cooperative arrangements with states, federal agencies, tribes, and local and private entities.

### STATUS OF PARK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

While Big Hole National Battlefield was protecting and interpreting resources related to the Nez Perce War of 1877 in the 1890's and many other park sites were quickly established after passage of the 1965 park enabling legislation, the near doubling of the park's size in 1992 required development of a strategy for considering both well-established and new sites together under a single umbrella that fulfilled the National Park Service mission. The Nez Perce National Historical Park Additions Act added not only many new sites spread over four states, but a multitude of new partners as well. In 1997 the National Park Service produced a General Management Plan for Nez Perce National Historical Park that documents the overall direction for the park through 2017. The National Park Service is presently preparing an ammendment to the General Management Plan that reflects what we've learned and new opportunities that have arisen since 1997. We expect this ammendment to be available for public comment and finalized in 2005.

Parkwide management of specific resource types or interpretive strategies is documented in a variety of park reports, such as the Comprehensive Interpretive Plan, Land Protection Plan, and Vegetation Management Plan. These documents are periodically updated and made available to the public.

#### KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS AFFECTING PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENT

While park management and staff can plan, manage, and largely control much of what occurs on National Park Service lands within the park, other things they can only influence, especially things external to park boundaries. Some things, such as natural events, they have no control over whatsoever. In developing Nez Perce National Historical Park's Strategic Plan and its long-term goals, it was important to take into consideration key external factors that could negatively or positively affect goal outcomes. A few of the most important or most likely are identified briefly below. This is by no means an exhaustive list but simply those that are most likely to influence outcomes as viewed at the time of writing the plan.

#### **Partnerships**

The mission of the National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park can only be accomplished through the goodwill of our partners. Understanding that many of our partners assist us on a voluntary basis, and work toward the park's goals as they are able, is critical to understanding where the park is and where we are headed parkwide on the majority of our goals. While the National Park Service can be fairly specific in setting out our goals for sites that we own or exclusively manage, and while we can predict with some accuracy the resources we will have to work with in coming years, we are not in a position to do the same on behalf of our partners. As we have in the past, we continue to work closely with our partners to find those areas of mutual interest and benefit which serve the resources and visitors of Nez Perce National Historical Park. We also remain as flexible as possible in delineating our annual work plans and budgetting in order to be in a position to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. This attitude of proactive responsiveness is fundamental to our partnership work and forms the core of our continued successes. As our relationships grow, and as newly authorized or implemented sites come into being, we anticipate that the National Park Service and our partners will be better able to accurately predict our specific activities and funding together in future fiscal years.

## **External Funding**

The National Park Service is proud of our success in garnering new partners to the mission of Nez Perce National Historical Park. Often these partners bring new sources of funding, or new avenues to funding unavailable to the National Park Service that increase our ability to serve the resources and our visitors. Together, we have been successful in carrying the message of the park to new audiences as we apply for grants and other funding opportunities. However, ultimately, the National Park Service does not control how these funds are distributed and where our needs and proposals fall within the priorities of other agencies or funding organizations. As with our approach to partnerships in general, the National Park Service works with our partners to be prepared to act when and if funding opportunities arise that allow us to implement yet one more element of our General Management Plan.

## Privately Owned Park Sites and Adjoining Lands

While the management of National Park Service lands is relatively clear and directly tied to the mission of the park, inclusion of sites outside of National Park Service ownership and public access to those sites is voluntary on the part of the landowner. It is only by the goodwill of our partner landowners that the resources and visitor experience at these sites are protected and maintained for present visitors and future generations. It's a measure of their dedication to the mission of the National Park Service at the park that to date none of our partnership landowners have chosen to withdraw from inclusion in the park or completely deny public access.

In a park composed of several, small, discreet sites, the impact of changes to adjacent lands can have tremendous impacts on the resources of park sites or the experience of visitors to the site. In some cases, the full extent of the cultural resources is not known and may, or indeed does, extend onto private lands not presently included in the park. In other cases, development or other changes to adjoining lands impacts the resources on park sites directly. Perhaps the clearest case of this would be a common situation where a cultural landscape is degraded as a result of development on neighboring properties that completely changes the context of that landscape. Natural resources do not follow fencelines or deeded boundaries - noxious weeds on one lot quickly spread to adjoining lots and impact native species. Increased density on adjoining lands can shift populations of animals to rely more heavily on park habitats with accompanying changes in the ecosystem of that site. Development of adjoining lands also impacts the visitor experience and can cause obstacles to a visitor's ability to absorb the interpretive message, interact directly with park resources, or reflect upon the history associated with the site and the impacts to their own life that resulted. In many cases within the park, park sites are considered Traditional Cultural Properties by the tribes and development of adjoining lands can directly impact their ability to continue using the site in traditional ways.

While the National Park Service respects the rights of adjoining landowners, we make every effort to work with them to find mutually beneficial solutions to issues that arise from the development of adjoining lands. We are not always successful and cannot, ultimately, control what occurs on private land owned by neighbors. The National Park Service works with our partners that are able to bring alternative solutions for discussion and remain prepared to mitigate, as far as we are able, any impacts arising from the development of lands surrounding park sites. What we cannot control is when, what kind of development, what impacts that development has on park sites, and what, ultimately, that development will look like. We can only try to share our message and enlist the support of our neighbors as stewards of the park and the stories it represents.

In most of the communities surrounding park sites, there is some form of state or local land use planning. Changes to zoning or other aspects of land use planning can affect both our privately-owned park sites and adjoining properties. We work with local governments and representatives to ensure that they are aware of how those changes might impact park sites and any challenges or protection such changes might offer. Many of the regions containing park sites are also relatively rural and are only now facing increased populations and the resulting pressures of providing developable lands. Changes from traditional natural resource extraction industries to new forms of economic development, including tourism, affect park sites and adjacent lands in a variety of ways, many difficult to predict.

#### **Human Resources**

While National Park Service staffing levels can be reasonably predicted, a large share of our collective workforce involves staff of partner agencies and the many volunteers associated with the park. Our ability to recruit volunteers and the capacity of our volunteers and volunteer-based partners is dependent upon changing demographics, regional employment conditions, and the general economy, all issues outside of National Park Service control.

The National Park Service recognizes that an increasing percentage of our national population is reaching an age traditionally associated with retirement. We are committed to providing meaningful experiences for those who wish to retire from full-time employment and find satisfaction in aiding our accomplishment of the park mission. While the expected growth and extent of that growth is beyond our control, the National Park Service works to be prepared for it.

## **Continued Learning**

As we continue in our mission to protect park resources and the tangible connections with Nez Perce culture and history, the National Park Service increases our own understanding of that history and resources. As we learn more, we are better able to meet the park's mission and interpret that story to our visitors. There are many areas within the park where we simply do not have a good understanding of the story or the resources. In other areas, continued research and monitoring leads us to completely different conclusions that we started with. While we cannot predict such changes in understanding with any accuracy, we do know that this changing understanding requires that we rethink our approach to park management, sometimes subtly, sometimes dramatically.

### Visitation Levels and Special Interest Areas

The National Park Service could not have anticipated the dramatic effects that September 11, 2001, had on park visitation - not only visitation levels, but the demographics of our visitors as well. Similarly, while the National Park Service has been planning for, monitoring, and anticipating increased levels of visitation to all sites associated with Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery, the simple truth is that we cannot accurately predict what that visitation will be. We have taken an approach that attempts to provide for very high levels of visitation and impact, but even so our speculation may fall far off mark.

While park staff has recognized and been planning for the commemoration of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial over the past decade, other events and special interests of the public are less predictable. Issues often arise in local communities or in the region that effect what kinds and amount of information the public seeks at Nez Perce National Historical Park. As the park deals with resources and interpretation related to a living culture - current day's affairs related to the Nez Perce people influence the expectations of our visitors. We cannot predict such affairs but do work to place current events in a historical context and provide the information that allows for fuller understanding by our visitors.

### Congressional Direction

The National Park Service responds to the desires of the public as reflected in the direction provided us by Congress. Shifting emphasis at a national level, new approaches to meeting the needs of the nation, national emergencies and war, all can and do change the nature of our ability to meet the park's mission. While the National Park Service is often invited to provide input on the effects such changes will have to our mission, to Congress belongs the ultimate authority to determine what is in the nation's best interests. The National Park Service works to remain prepared to respond to any such changes.

### How this Strategic Plan Addresses External Factors

The park's General Management Plan and upcoming ammendment to that plan, based solidly on the park's enabling legislation, continues to outline our long-term goals for the park. This Strategic Plan attempts to indicate our direction over the next four years but also recognizes that flexibility is critical to successful partnerships. While this Strategic Plan indicates National Park Service goals over the coming years, it does not pretend to account for all the goals and resources put forth toward the park mission by our partners. Together, the National Park Service and our partners take advantage of opportunities as they arise and make every effort to remain flexible in setting immediate priorities that take into consideration issues of timing, available resources, special incentives, and opportunities for funding or other action that will work to fully implement the park's General Management Plan. Throughout this document we have focussed on our part of that partnership and those resources and park sites in National Park Service ownership or direct management and will update and adapt this plan to changing conditions as we proceed through the planning period.

### OTHER CLOSELY ALLIED FEDERAL UNITS

It is important to note that two other federal units, the Lewis and Clark Trail and Nez Perce (Nee Me Poo) National Historic Trail, both units of the National Trail System, are closely allied to individual sites or stories of Nez Perce National Historical Park. Park staff does not have direct administrative responsibility for either of these units, but works closely with other National Park Service (Lewis and Clark Trail) and US Forest Service (Nez Perce National Historic Trail) administrators to ensure a seamless visitor experience.

The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail follows the route of the non-treaty Nez Perce and their military pursuers during the course of the 1877 Nez Perce War. The 1,170 mile trail starts and ends at park sites: the Old Chief Joseph Gravesite and Cemetery in Joseph, Oregon, and the Bear Paw Battlefield, in Chinook, Montana. The trail is administered by the US Forest Service.

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail follows the route of the Corps of Discovery in their 1804-1806 journey across the continent along the Missouri and Columbia Rivers. At 3,700 miles, it is the second longest of the National Scenic and National Historic Trails. The trail is administered by the National Park Service.

#### **CURRENT PARK PARTNERS**

Tribal Governments
Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation
Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation
Nez Perce Tribe

## **Federal Agencies**

Natural Resource Conservation Service
Parks Canada, Fort Walsh National Historical Site (Canada)
United States Bureau of Indian Affairs
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
United States Forest Service

Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest

Bitterroot National Forest Clearwater National Forest

Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail

Salmon National Forest

Region 1 Region 5

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

## State Agencies

Idaho State Historical Society, Historic Preservation Office

Idaho Transportation Department

Lewis and Clark State College (Office of Educational Outreach)

Montana Conservation Corps

Montana Department of Commerce

Montana Department of Transportation

Montana Historical Society, Historic Preservation Office

Oregon Department of Transportation (District 13, Region 5, NEACT)

Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Commission

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (Wallowa Lake State Park, Historic Preservation Office)

Oregon Travel and Information Council

Oregon Youth Conservation Corps

Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, Historic Preservation Office University of Idaho (Landscape Architecture)

University of Montana, Western

County and Municipal Agencies, Special Districts

Asotin County (Public Works)

Blaine County Museum

Blaine County Weed Board

Wallowa County (Public Works, Planning Office, Sheriff)

Wallowa Lake Rural Fire Department

Non-profit Organizations

Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce

Clearwater Economic Development Association

Clearwater Management Council

Clearwater-Snake Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee

Eastern Oregon Visitors Association (Hells Canyon All American Road)

Friends of Bear Paw, Big Hole, & Canyon Creek Battlefields

Glacier Natural History Association

National Park Foundation

National Trust for Historic Places

Nez Perce Trail Foundation

Nez Perce Tribal Arts Council

North Central Idaho Travel Association

Northwest Interpretive Association

**Oregon Community Foundation** 

Russell County Tourism Board

St. Gertrudes Museum

St. Joseph's Mission Historical Association

Salmon Chamber of Commerce

Student Conservation Association

Upper Clearwater Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee

Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center, Inc.

Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce

Weippe Discovery Center

Wisdom Tourism Board

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### TO LEARN MORE

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Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: la01C Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la01C

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Closely associated Wetland goal

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):				Year:		
By September 30, 2008, TBD acres (TBD% of TBD) achieve desired conditions where condition is known and as specified in management plans consistent with applicable substantive and procedural requirements of State and Federal water law.				2008		
Performance Indicator			Total # Units in	Status i Year (#	in Base Meeting	

Target

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Year (# Meeting Condition):
Park must enter	Acres	park must enter	0	0

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

Spread over four states and encompassing a wide variety of sites within a range of ecosystems, Nez Perce National Historical Park includes nearly every form of environment found in the inland Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains, and Great Plains, in small pieces.

This park goal is closely associated to servicewide Goal Ia1C which monitors improvements to National Park Service wetlands. As the National Park Service further defines what composes a "wetland," and as the US Fish and Wildlife Service continue their inventory of wetlands throughout the nation, park staff will continue to develop our baseline inventory, assess their current condition, and plan for their eventual improvement.

Once the National Park Service has determined the following for the wetlands at Nez Perce National Historical Park, we will move our planning and results information to Goal Ia1C:

- 1. The total acreage of wetlands is known for the entire park,
- 2. "Desired condition(s)" in one or more approved management plans exist for all park wetlands,
- 3. and the "current condition" is known for all wetlands within the park.

The National Park Service will be working to gather baseline data, conduct assessments of our wetlands, and plan for their improvement over the course of the planning period.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: la01D Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la01D

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Closely Associated riparian goal

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 1 miles (18% of 5.6 miles) of stream miles achieve desired conditions where condition is known and as specified in management plans consistent with applicable substantive and procedural requirements of State and Federal water law.

Performance Indicator

(what is measured):

Total # Units in Passeling:

Year (# Meeting

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Year (# Meeting Condition):
Park Must Determine	Acres	Park Must Deterimine	5.6	0

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

Many of the sites of Nez Perce National Historical Park are located along the riverways. These same rivers have served as important transportation corridors or fisheries for the Nez Perce throughout their history and today.

The riparian area, that environment found along the banks of waterways, is home to several species of plant and animal life not found only a few yards away. Protection of the park's riparian areas is important both to preserve and enhance the life found in the rivers such as anadromous fish as well as to provide a context for understanding those facets of Nez Perce culture associated with rivers. Because these same waterways can carry the seeds of noxious weeds from upstream, the park's riparian zones are also some of the ecosystems within the park most at risk from the spread of noxious weeds.

While many of the park sites are located along waterways and include riparian zones, in this Strategic Plan, the following NPS owned or exclusively managed sites and an estimate of the length of their riparian zone were used to form the baseline: Spalding - 9000 ft; Canoe Camp - 1200 ft; East Kamiah - 4000 ft; Weippe - 4200 ft; Whitebird - 3000 ft; Big Hole Battlefield - 6000 ft; Buffalo Eddy - 1200 ft; Old Chief Joseph Gravesite - 898 ft.

This park goal is closely associated with servicewide goal Ia1D which monitors improvements made to National Park Service riparian areas. As the National Park Service increases its understanding of the riparian areas in the park, we will move our goals and results found here to Goal Ia1D. During the course of the planning period, the National Park Service will be acquiring more detailed baseline information, assessing the current condition of all riparian zones in the park, and planning for their eventual improvement. The following information is required before we move the information and planning of this goal to Goal Ia1D:

- 1. The total extent of riparian zones is known for the entire park,
- 2. "Desired condition(s)" in an approved management plan exist for all park riparian zones, and
- 3. The "current condition" is known for all riparian zones within the park.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ia01E Park/ Program Goal ID Number: Ia01E

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, TBD acres (TBD% of TBD) achieve desired conditions where condition is known and as specified in management plans.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
park determined	acres	park determined	0	0

Target Year:

2008

### 5-Year Results Plan:

Other Upland area

Spread over four states and encompassing a wide variety of sites within a range of ecosystems, Nez Perce National Historical Park includes nearly every form of environment found in the inland Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains, and Great Plains, in small pieces.

This park goal is closely associated with servicewide goal Ia1E which monitors improvements made to National Park Service uplands. As the National Park Service increases its understanding of the uplands in the park, we will move our goals and results found here to Goal Ia1E. During the course of the planning period, the National Park Service will be acquiring more detailed baseline information, assessing the current condition of all uplands in the park, and planning for their eventual improvement. The following information is required before we move the information and planning of this goal to Goal Ia1E:

- 1. The total acreage of uplands is known for the entire park,
- 2. "Desired condition(s)" in an approved management plan exist for all park uplands, and
- 3. The "current condition" is known for all uplands within the park.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: February 18, 2005

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: la02A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la02A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Other species

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 2 of 5 (40%) of Nez Perce National Historical Park's documented federal proposed, candidate, and recently-listed species are making progress towards recovery.

Status in Base Year (# Meeting

Target

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Status	Each species	Improving	5	2

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

Goal Ia02A is a park-specific goal intended to allow planning for and monitoring of improvements to populations of species that are proposed for, candidates to, or recently added (after September 30, 2003) to the listing of Federal Threatened and Endangered Species.

Five such species have been reported in the park. An additional species of concern, Penstemon lemhiensis, does not fit into the above categories and so is not considered here. Of the five species, four are currently listed as Federal Threatened and Endangered Species: Canis lupis (Grey Wolf); Haliaeetus leucocephalus (Bald Eagle); Ursus arctos horriblis (Grizzly Bear); and Lynx canadensus (Canada Lynx). Thymallus arcticus (Montana Grayling or Fluvial Arctic Grayling) is a candidate for future listing.

Of these five species, only Montana Grayling and Bald Eagle are seen on at least an annual basis. The remaining species have been reported at Big Hole Battlefield at some time in the past. The 2005 population status of these species is as follows: Montana Grayling - declining; Bald Eagle - not at risk; Grey Wolf - improving; and Grizzly Bear and Canada Lynx - unknown.

The fluvial arctic grayling is resident in the Big Hole River running through the Big Hole Battlefield. In contrast to still-common lacustrine/adfluvial arctic grayling populations, fluvial arctic grayling appear adapted to inhabiting riverine environments year-round. At the end of the 19th century, fluvial Arctic grayling were intermittently distributed throughout the upper Missouri drainage above Great Falls. During the 20th century, the range of fluvial Arctic grayling has been restricted to the Big Hole River of southwest Montana, about 4% of its native range. This decline of fluvial Arctic grayling throughout their native range has been attributed to four factors: habitat degradation, introduction of non-native salmonids, climatic change, and exploitation by anglers. Factors potentially threatening survival of Arctic grayling in the Big Hole River include water quality and quantity, competition with introduced species, predation, habitat degradation, and impacts of angling. Water quantity issues include drought and recruitment limitation due to sudden runoff events. Sudden increases in stream flows during hatching and emergence of larval Arctic grayling may decrease survival and limit recruitment in the Big Hole River.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: February 18, 2005

The relatively small size of park sites and their ecological dependence upon adjoining lands make any significant effort to enhance a particular species difficult. The park will continue to work with other NPS and other federal units, as well as our neighbors, to develop plans for improving these species health on NPS lands.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 21, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: 1a08 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la08

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Other archeological sites

Target Year: Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period); By September 30, 2008, 8 (88% of 9) Nez Perce National Historical Park archeological sites NOT listed on the NPS

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Archeological Sites Management Information System (ASMIS), or listed without condition assessments, are in good condition.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):	
Condition	Each archeological site	Good	9	0	

### 5-Year Results Plan:

This goal is a partner goal to la8 where you will find additional information.

There are currently nine archeological sites in the park either not listed in ASMIS or listed with no known condition assessment. Park staff will be working over the next five years to complete condition assessments for 8 of these sites and record their current condition in ASMIS.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 21, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: la1A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la1A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

21,850 acres (5% of 437,150) acres targeted as of 2003 for restoration where restoration is complete (acres disturbed by past development)

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 3.5 (100%) of 3.5 acres of lands disturbed by prior development or agricultural use and targeted (or planned) by September 30, 2003, for restoration, are restored.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Disturbed land	acres	Restored	3.5	0

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

In a park such as Nez Perce National Historical Park, covering, as it does, a chronological span of tens of thousands of years right up to the present, and incorporating a wide range of cultural themes, ecological regions, and geography, it is rather difficult to determine what is and what is not "lands disturbed by prior development or agricultural use." Unlike parks where the native ecosystem or a particular moment in time are the primary reasons for their existence, Nez Perce National Historical Park celebrates and protects those changes wrought upon the environment through man's interaction. Our "disturbed lands" are often just as clearly tangible record of the cultural landscape we aim to protect.

For the purpose of this goal, we have identified the acreage containing the Glasby house at Spalding and a small portion of the landscape at Big Hole Battlefield to be "disturbed lands." The National Park Service owns both sites and both include elements of the historic landscape that do not fit into the protective or interpretive themes of the park and are planned for removal or restoration. In the case of the Glasby house, formerly a private residence and post office for the town of Spalding, the National Park Service intends to remove the structure and associated landscaping and return the acreage to an older setting that compliments the adjacent historic Watsons Store. The Big Hole Battlefield acreage is part of the National Park Service's ongoing efforts to restore the landscape to its 1877 configuration in order that visitors may better understand the context of the battle that took place there. Both projects fit the definition of "disturbed lands" and are expected to be completed over the next five years.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 21, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: la1B Park/ Program Goal ID Number: Ia1B

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Invasive species: 250,000 acres (9.6% of 2.6 million) of acres infested with invasive plant species are contained.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period): By September 30, 2008, 1031 acres (39% of 2618 acres) of lands owned or exclusively managed by National Park Service at

Nez Perce National Historical Park impacted by invasive (non-native) plants are effectively controlled.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Impacted Lands	acres	Contained	2618	898

Target Year:

2008

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

While the park continues to work with our partners to control the spread of noxious weeds at all park sites, this Strategic Plan documents National Park Service efforts to control noxious weeds at those park sites owned or exclusively managed by the National Park Service.

The condition of sites in Nez Perce National Historical Park varies widely, with some sites, like the Old Chief Joseph Gravesite and Cemetery and Big Hole Battlefield, capable of being restored to a native environment and others, like sections of Whitebird Battlefield or Spalding, virtually impossible to control. One grasslands specialist once speculated that only about 2% of the Clearwater and Snake drainages adjacent to the park contained native ecosystems. We hope to bring additional populations under control at Big Hole Battlefield, Bearpaw Battlefield, Spalding, and Weippe over the next five years as well as controlling new infestations as they occur.

The park implements a variety of controls to manage noxious weeds including pesticide treatment; biological control; mechanical control (hand-pulling); and prescribed fire. We also rely on partnerships to aide in our efforts.

The park sites and their acreages included in our baseline are: Buffalo Eddy - 94.4; Canoe Camp - 4.1; Old Chief Joseph Gravesite - 13.21; Weippe -273.87; Whitebird Battlefield - 1244.76; Spalding - 89.93; Heart of the Monster - 53.02; Big Hole Battlefield - 655; Bearpaw Battlefield - 190.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: February 02, 2005

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: la2A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la2A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

448 (43% of 1,042) threatened or endangered species are stabilized or improved.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

Target Year:

By September 30, 2008, 0 (0% of 2) of Nez Perce National Historical Park's documented federally listed threatened or

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endangered species are making progress toward recovery.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Status	Each species	Improving	2	0

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

The National Park Service is currently aware of two federally listed Threatened or Endangered species that exist or once existed on NPS owned or exclusively managed lands in the park: Silene spaldingii (Spalding's Catchfly, a plant) and Salvelinus confluentus (Bull trout).

Silene spaldingii has been found at the Old Chief Joseph Gravesite and Cemetery south of Joseph, Oregon. It is also found on adjacent lands. The National Park Service plans to inventory Silene spaldingii colonies on the site in FY05 and participates with other federal, state, and non-profit organizations in the region to monitor the health of the species and increase our understanding of its lifecycle and impacts affecting its survival. While other park sites are located within its geographic distribution and the species was originally identified at what is now the Spalding site of the park, Silene spaldingii is not know to be present in any other park site.

Salvelinus confluentus is a member of the North American salmon family, which includes salmon, trout, whitefish, char, and grayling, and is one of four species of char native to western North America. On November 01, 1999 Bull Trout was listed as threatened in the contiguous US under the ESA. Bull Trout depend on very clean, cold water and therefore are a prime indicator of the health of forest ecosystems and watersheds. The current status of Bull Trout in the streams adjacent to park sites is currently unknown, but their historical habitat includes streams such as found at Weippe Prairie, Big Hole Battlefield, and other park sites in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. The National Park Service will continue to work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other park partners to inventory and monitor Salvelinus confluentus occurences within the park and plan for further habitat protection and recovery.

The relatively small size of park sites and their ecological dependence upon adjoining lands make any significant effort to enhance a particular species difficult. The park will continue to work with other NPS and other federal units, as well as our neighbors, to develop plans for improving these species health on NPS lands.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 15, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: la5 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la5

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

47% of historic structures on the current List of Classified Structures are in good condition

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 12 of 20 (60%) of Nez Perce National Historical Park historic structures on the current List of
Classified Structures are in good condition.

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Year:

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Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Condition	Each structure	Good	20	12

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

Structures currently on the List of Classified Structures at Nez Perce National Historical Park include: Fort Lapwai Officers Quarters; Spalding Mission House Ruins; Agency Log Building; Agents Residence; Watsons Store; Fort Lapwai Officers Quarters Cooking Oven; Fort Lapwai Officers Quarters Fireplace Ruins; Spalding Drinking Fountains; Spalding Root Cellar; Pivi-Yivi Stella and Bronze Marker at Spalding; Bredell Family Cemetery; Pierce Courthouse; St. Josephs Mission; Rock Cairn at Canoe Camp; Heart of the Monster; McBeth Mission House; Canoe Camp; Whitebird Battlefield; Liver of the Monster; and the Ferry Landing Ramp at Spalding. Of these, the Spalding Mission House Ruins; Fort Lapwai Officers Quarters Cooking Oven; Fort Lapwai Officers Quarters Fireplace Ruins; Spalding Root Cellar; Canoe Camp Rock Cairn; McBeth Mission House; Whitebird Battlefield; and Spalding Ferry Landing are listed in other than "good" condition. In most cases, these represent ruins that cannot be returned to "good" condition and are preserved in their present state. In the case of the McBeth Mission House, the NPS does not own or have management rights to the structure - so we continue to work with the landowner to determine a solution that is in their best interests. In the case of the Whitebird Battlefield, restoration to "good" condition would require extensive investment of time and funding, if even possible, and is beyond the scope of this Strategic Plan.

The National Park Service anticipates changes to this baseline over the next five years. Redefinition of what classifies as a "historic structure" for the purpose of listing on the LCS will require deletion of cemeteries as structures with new inventory of individual gravestones and other discreet features. The NPS also anticipates an increase in our baseline as we continue to inventory and list historic structures at our recently authorized park sites in Oregon, Washington, and Montana. Re-assessment of structures currently on the list in accordance with new standards and initial assessment of structures not yet on the list will alter our performance over the planning period.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: la6 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la6

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

75.5% of preservation and protection standards are met for park museum collections .

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 340 (89%) of 383 applicable preservation and protection standards for Nez Perce National Historical
Park's museum collections are met.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Applicable standards	Each standard	Standards meet	383	307

### 5-Year Results Plan:

Nez Perce National Historical Park's museum collection, which includes the museum collection of Big Hole National Battlefield, is housed in the museum storage at the Spalding Visitor Center and in the exhibit areas of the Spalding Visitor Center and Big Hole National Battlefield Visitor Center. The collection provides a rare record, not only of objects associated with significant events such as the Nez Perce War of 1877, but also of the Nez Perce culture over time. The ethnographic, archeological, photographic, and archival collections are particularly valuable in their focus upon the Nez Perce people.

The baseline figures for this goal are derived from the Museum Collection Protection and Preservation Program checklist. The park currently meets 307 of these standards and anticipates being able to meet 340 altogether. At that point the remaining deficiencies can not be remedied without the construction of a new facility. The National Park Service anticipates meeting the remaining 33 standards that do not require construction of a new facility by FY2008.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ja7 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la7

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

33% of the cultural landscapes on the current Cultural Landscapes Inventory are in good condition

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

Target Year:

By September 30, 2008, 2 of 3 (66%) of Nez Perce National Historical Park cultural landscapes on the current Cultural Landscapes Inventory are in good condition.

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Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Condition	Each landscape	Good	3	0

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

To suggest the importance of the cultural landscapes to the interpretive story of Nez Perce National Historical Park, it should be noted that at one point the National Park Service identified 41 significant cultural landscapes within the park. Redefinition of what constitutes a cultural landscape and elimination of those landscapes over which the National Park Service has little or no control, has narrowed our current listing of landscapes to three: Spalding, East Kamiah, and Big Hole Battlefield. Of these, none are currently listed in "good" condition.

The East Kamiah cultural landscape listing was recently updated and the landscape was determined to be in "fair" condition. Over the next five years, the National Park Service will be reassessing the Big Hole Battlefield and Spalding cultural landscapes - we anticipate that these landscapes will be determined to be in good condition.

In addition, the National Park Service will continue to reinventory park sites and their associated cultural landscapes to derive better baseline data from which to move forward. We anticipate some increase in the number of landscapes listed on the Cultural Landscape Inventory over the next five years, particularly among those sites recently added to the park.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: la8 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: la8

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

50% of the recorded archeological sites with condition assessments are in good condition

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 16 (53% of 30) of Nez Perce National Historical Park archeological sites listed on the current

Target Year:

2008

Archeological Sites Management Information System (ASMIS) with condition assessments, are in good condition.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Condition	Each archeological site	Good	30	8

## 5-Year Results Plan:

Documenting, as it does, the entire history of a people stretching back tens of thousands of years, Nez Perce National Historical Park contains a myriad of archeological sites. These sites range from pre-historic pithouse foundations to ancestral graves to the more recent sites associated with the Nez Perce War of 1877 or 20th century transportation.

As the National Park Service redefines its definition of archeological sites and brings access to the Archeological Sites Management Information System to a level compatible with today's computer operating systems, staff of Nez Perce National Historical Park will update the existing records and provide additional information uncovered since its last update. We anticipate having our ASMIS records updated by the end of FY05 and that of the current 41 sites listed therein, 30 sites will remain valid (due to redefinition, not other loss). A few of the sites currently listed in ASMIS, for example, are partnership sites over which the NPS has no management authority. For the purpose of tracking our progress toward this goal, we have limited our discussion to those archeological sites that the NPS owns or over which the NPS has exclusive management responsibility.

We believe that the vast majority of archeological sites currently listed in ASMIS are in good condition. Updating of the ASMIS records will record current condition assessments for each site.

NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004 DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: 1b01 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: 1b01 NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text): Other NR data sets Target Year: Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period): By September 30, 2008, 6 (50%) of 12 primary Nez Perce National Historical Park natural resource inventories identified in a 2008 Resource Management Plan and General Management Plan are completed. Status in Base Performance Indicator Total # Units in Year (# Meeting (what is measured): Baseline: Unit Measure: Condition (Desired): Condition): 12

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

Park/ Program Name:

Goal Ib01 monitors National Park Service progress toward inventorying natural resources in the park. It is included in this Strategic Plan to reflect continued progress toward goals set in prior planning periods.

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In the years that have passed since our last Strategic Plan was prepared, the National Park Service has become better at tying our research efforts directly to actual management of the resources within the parks. As a result, the National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park will no longer report to this goal in future planning, instead tying the accumulation of baseline resource inventories directly to those goals which report accomplishments in managing the resources.

Because two baseline inventory projects are nearing completion and result from prior planning, we will be reporting our anticipated completion of a baseline bird and fauna study currently in progress. Following their completion, further efforts will be recorded in the associated land health or management goals.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ib2A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: lb2A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Unit Measure:

Each site added

Archeological sites inventoried and evaluated are increased by 14.3% (from FY 2003 baseline of 57,752 sites to 66,000).

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period): By September 30, 2008, the number of Nez Perce National Historical Park archeological sites inventoried, evaluated and listed in the Archeological Sites Management Information System (ASMIS) is increased from the FY05 level of 30 to 34 (13%) increase).

Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
30	41

Target Year:

2008

# Number in database 5-Year Results Plan:

Performance Indicator

(what is measured):

As earlier described in association with Goal Ia8, Nez Perce National Historical Park currently has 41 sites listed in ASMIS. During the course of FY05, the park will be updating records and removing records for sites not owned or exclusively managed by the National Park Service. By the end of FY05, then, we expect 30 of those site records to remain.

Condition (Desired):

Increased

New lands added in the last couple of years and redefinition of existing sites resulting from ongoing surveys may add additional sites. As the park refines its data for park sites in Montana, that documentation will likely add even more sites to the current listing. We anticipate an additional 4 sites added to the ASMIS database over the next five years.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ib2B Park/ Program Goal ID Number: Ib2B

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Cultural landscapes on the Cultural Landscapes Inventory that have complete, accurate and reliable information are increased by 110.8% from FY 2003 (from 148 to 312 landscapes).

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, the Nez Perce National Historical Park cultural landscapes on the Cultural Landscapes Inventory that have complete, accurate and reliable information are increased by 100% from FY 2003 (from 1 to 2 landscapes).

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Number in database	Each landscape	Increased	3	1

### 5-Year Results Plan:

To suggest the importance of the cultural landscapes to the interpretive story of Nez Perce National Historical Park, it should be noted that at one point the National Park Service identified 41 significant cultural landscapes within the park. Redefinition of what constitutes a cultural landscape and elimination of those landscapes over which the National Park Service has little or no control, has narrowed our current listing of landscapes to three: Spalding, East Kamiah, and Big Hole Battlefield.

The East Kamiah cultural landscape listing was recently updated and is considered complete, accurate, and reliable. Over the next five years, the National Park Service will be reassessing the Big Hole Battlefield and Spalding cultural landscapes and expect that we will be able to declare the listing for Big Hole Battlefield to be complete, accurate, and reliable.

In addition, the National Park Service will continue to reinventory park sites and their associated cultural landscapes to derive better baseline data from which to move forward. We anticipate some increase in the number of landscapes listed on the Cultural Landscape Inventory over the next five years, particularly among those sites recently added to the park.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: lb2C Park/ Program Goal ID Number: lb2C

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

100% of the historic structures on the FY 2003 List of Classified Structures have complete, accurate and reliable information (26,531 of 26,531 structures).

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 20 of 20 (100%) of Nez Perce National Historical Park historic structures on the FY 2003 List of
Classified Structures have complete, accurate and reliable information.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Number updated	Each record	Updated	20	0

### 5-Year Results Plan:

Structures currently on the List of Classified Structures at Nez Perce National Historical Park include: Fort Lapwai Officers Quarters; Spalding Mission House Ruins; Agency Log Building; Agents Residence; Watsons Store; Fort Lapwai Officers Quarters Cooking Oven; Fort Lapwai Officers Quarters Fireplace Ruins; Spalding Drinking Fountains; Spalding Root Cellar; Pivi-Yivi Stella and Bronze Marker at Spalding; Bredell Family Cemetery; Pierce Courthouse; St. Josephs Mission; Rock Cairn at Canoe Camp; Heart of the Monster; McBeth Mission House; Canoe Camp; Whitebird Battlefield; Liver of the Monster; and the Ferry Landing Ramp at Spalding.

The National Park Service anticipates changes to this baseline over the next five years. Redefinition of what classifies as a "historic structure" for the purpose of listing on the LCS will require deletion of cemeteries as structures with new inventory of individual gravestones and other discreet features. The NPS also anticipates an increase in our baseline as we continue to inventory and list historic structures at our recently authorized park sites in Oregon, Washington, and Montana. Re-assessment of structures currently on the list in accordance with new standards and initial assessment of structures not yet on the list will alter our performance over the planning period.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: lb2D Park/ Program Goal ID Number: lb2D

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Museum objects cataloged are increased by 39.6% (from FY 2001 baseline of 42.4 million to 59.2 million). Percent increase in NPS museum objects cataloged

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, the number of Nez Perce National Historical Park museum objects cataloged and submitted to the

2008

National Catalog is increased from 353,980 in FY2004 to 433,980 (23% increase).

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Number of museum objects cataloged	Each museum object added	Increased	353980	353980

### 5-Year Results Plan:

Nez Perce National Historical Park's museum collection, which includes the museum collection of Big Hole National Battlefield, is housed in the museum storage at the Spalding Visitor Center and in the exhibit areas of the Spalding Visitor Center and Big Hole National Battlefield Visitor Center. The collection provides a rare record, not only of objects associated with significant events such as the Nez Perce War of 1877, but also of the Nez Perce culture over time. The ethnographic, archeological, photographic, and archival collections are particularly valuable in their focus upon the Nez Perce people.

Presently, the combined collections of Nez Perce National Historical Park and Big Hole National Battlefield include just under 354,000 objects in ethographic, historical, archeological, and archival collections. Approximately 165,000 objects were added to the collection during the period FY00 to FY04, the majority of these archival objects. We anticipate similar increases in this planning period.

In addition to cataloguing new objects, the National Park Service continues to update present entries as additional information comes to light or objects are reevaluated in light of the overall collection. This general maintenance of our museum collection records is critical to preserving the information associated with the object and placing them in a larger context and to securing these objects for posterity. While not reflected in increases to the catalogue record, this activity is every bit as important as the initial recordkeeping.

The National Park Service is also engaged in making our collection information available online. This virtual collection will allow those unable to visit the collection in person to collect valuable data about the objects in the collection and reduce impacts that threaten the collection by reducing actual physical contact with the collection except where needed. This important project is being coordinated through our Washington, D.C. office.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO) Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004 DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ib2F Park/ Program Goal ID Number: Ib2F NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text): 18.7% (72 of 384) of parks have historical research (an approved Historic Resource Study AND an approved Administrative History) that is current and completed to professional standards as of 1985. Target Year: Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period): By September 30, 2008, Nez Perce National Historical Park completes one additional Historic Resource Study (HRS) over 2008 FY04 level and both Nez Perce National Historical Park and Big Hole National Battlefield Administrative Histories are completed to professional standards, current (approved since 1985). Status in Base Total # Units in Performance Indicator Year (# Meeting (what is measured): Baseline: Unit Measure: Condition (Desired): Condition):

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

Each park

Studies

At present, both Nez Perce National Historical Park and Big Hole National Battlefield have current adminstrative histories and their associated archives maintained in the park's museum collection. Several important Historic Resource Studies are also complete. Many more are needed as the park contains a myriad of wide-ranging resources.

Current

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Over the course of time covered by this Strategic Plan, the National Park Service expects to increase our inventory of Historic Resource Studies by one a study covering the history of the Nez Perce in Canada following the Bear Paw Battle of the Nez Perce War of 1877. A history long-overlooked, approximately half of the Nez Perce who were at the Bear Paw successfully made it across the Canadian border and relative safety from their military pursuers. With the cooperation of Parks Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the various present-day Canadian First Nations who took the Nez Perce into their communities, the National Park Service will document the story of these Nez Perce in the years following the Nez Perce War.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ib3A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: Ib3A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

100% of 270 parks with significant natural resources have identified their vital signs for natural resource monitoring

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, Nez Perce National Historical Park has identified its vital signs for natural resource monitoring.

Target Year:

2008

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Vital signs	Each park	Identified	2	0

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

The vital signs concept for natural resource monitoring is a strategy for allocating limited funding for monitoring overall natural resource health. Vital signs are indicators of key ecological processes that, collectively, capture the function of a healthy ecosystem. They may include keystone species and habitats that have profound effects on ecosystem organization and function; dominant species; or key processes such as nutrient cycling, patch dynamics, or hydrologic regimes. Nez Perce National Historial Park has been included as part of the Upper Columbia Basin Network of parks and continues to participate in a "Vital Signs" group, which identifies key "indicator" and "keystone" flora and fauna species to be used as the "Vital Signs" for the park.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: lb3B Park/ Program Goal ID Number: lb3B

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

88% of 270 parks with significant natural resources have implemented natural resource monitoring of key vital signs parameters

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, Nez Perce National Historical Park has implemented natural resource monitoring of key vital signs parameters

Target Year:

2008

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Vital signs	Each park	Monitoring	2	0

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

The vital signs concept for natural resource monitoring is a strategy for allocating limited funding for monitoring overall natural resource health. Vital signs are indicators of key ecological processes that, collectively, capture the function of a healthy ecosystem. They may include keystone species and habitats that have profound effects on ecosystem organization and function; dominant species; or key processes such as nutrient cycling, patch dynamics, or hydrologic regimes. Nez Perce National Historial Park has been included as part of the Upper Columbia Basin Network of parks and continues to participate in a "Vital Signs" group, which identifies key "indicator" and "keystone" flora and fauna species to be used as the "Vital Signs" for the park.

After the park has identified its vital signs, a monitoring program will be designed and implemented to track their condition.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: lb4A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: lb4A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

By September 30, 2008, X (Y% of Z segments) of National Historic Trials and/or National Scenic Trails in [name of park unit] meet heritage resource objectives.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 13 (100% of 13 segments) of National Historic Trails and/or National Scenic Trails in Nez Perce

National Historical Park meet heritage resource objectives.

Status in Base

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Year (# Meeting Condition):
Heritage objectives	Each segment	Meet	13	12

### 5-Year Results Plan:

Two National Historic Trails pass through Nez Perce National Historical Park: the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. While the National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park is involved in what happens along most of both of these trails, we have limited our goals for this plan to those that concern park sites owned or exclusively managed by the National Park Service. Further, we have excluded those trail segments passing through Yellowstone National Park as they are addressed under that park's Strategic Plan.

The following park sites contain segments of the Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) NHT: Ft. Lapwai Officers Quarters; Whitebird Battlefield; Weippe Prairie; Heart of the Monster; Big Hole Battlefield; Bear Paw Battlefield; Old Chief Joseph Gravesite and Cemetery; and the Joseph Canyon Overlook. Park sites containing segments of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail are: Weippe Prairie; Heart of the Monster; Canoe Camp; Spalding; and Big Hole Battlefield.

Since the interpretive themes and resource protection provisions associated with these trails are already included in the park's own mission, any improvements to the condition of any of these sites automatically improves the condition of the site relative to the respective trail. Over the next five years the park will be improving interpretation related to the trails through its large, park-wide interpretive wayside project. Further, the park is working with partners to prepare for and manage the impacts of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

Of the sites mentioned, the only site which presently does not meet goals associated with the corresponding historic trail is the Joseph Canyon Viewpoint site. Major construction of the site was completed through a partnership with the US Forest Service and Oregon Community Foundation in the fall of 2004. We anticipate having the interpretive panels installed and the site online in FY2005.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: February 17, 2005

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ila1A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: Ila1A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

95% of park visitors are satisfied with appropriate park facilities, services, and recreational opportunities.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 95% of visitors to Nez Perce National Historical Park are satisfied with appropriate park facilities, services, and recreational opportunities.

Target Year:

2008

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Visitor satisfaction	percent	Satisfied	100	98

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

Meeting the mission given to the National Park Service by Congress through our enabling legislation and from the general public as reflected in the Nez Perce National Historical Park General Management Plan is no easily accomplished task. That our present visitors are overwhelmingly satisfied with our current level of services is heartwarming - but we realize we still have a long way to go. What our visitor surveys do not presently measure well is the extent to which our visitors are satisfied with services at our remote sites, or, perhaps more importantly, those park sites not yet developed.

The National Park Service is committed to providing safe, informative, rewarding, and accessible experiences for park visitors to interact directly with park natural and cultural resources and the story of the Nez Perce people. We are fully committed to expanding the current level of park services to all sites identified in our enabling legislation and as outlined in our General Management Plan.

At the same time, we undertake the challenge of maintaining our current level of service in the face of increasing costs and limited funding. We recognize that only by working directly and in cooperation with our park partners will we be able to make progress toward meeting those goals.

Over the next four years, the National Park Service will continue to make progress toward full implementation of our General Management Plan and increasing our levels of service to visitors at our visitor centers and remote sites. The park's interpretive wayside project will bring 65 new or redesigned interpretation to park sites, many of those sites presently without any onsite presence. Improvements to Canoe Camp include expanded parking and restrooms. We continue to refine our planning for the Bear Paw Battlefield, particularly in light of the anticipated transfer to the National Park Service. Exhibits at the Spalding Visitor Center and Big Hole Battlefield are planned for re-evaluation and redesign, and in the interim the park is preparing taped audio tours that will bring Nez Perce voices to the interpretation. The park continues to refine our park orientation materials such as park orientation signs, park brochure, park handbook, and newsletters. The National Park Service has explored the feasibility of installing a limited number of Travel Information Stations that will broadcast orientation information to travelors over FM frequencies and hopes to install some initial pilot projects within the next four years. Many of the park's entrance signs are scheduled for replacement within the planning period and the National Park Service is exploring

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low-cost, limited maintenance, alternatives that will retain the look and feel of our traditional redwood signs. The National Park Service continues to explore alternatives and external funding opportunities to provide safe parking at Old Chief Joseph Gravesite and expect to make clear progress within the next four years. At Big Hole National Battlefield, the National Park Service continues to maintain and revise a trail system that provides both interpretive and recreational opportunities to visitors while honoring the memories of those lost and buried there. Picnic areas at Spalding, Big Hole Battlefield, and Bear Paw Battlefield are heavily used and the National Park Service works hard to continue to provide this opportunity. The National Park Service anticipates completion of the new Joseph Canyon Overlook site in 2005 which will provide restrooms and interpretive opportunities to visitors without impacting the Joseph Canyon viewshed.

Further, while not presently reflected in this planning document, the National Park Service continues to work with partners to ensure that issues of access and service are addressed at all park sites, not just those owned or managed by the National Park Service.

Most importantly, the National Park Service strives to ensure that the service in our name reflects the level of service our visitors find at each of our sites. To that end, we welcome all comments concerning our current level of services at any of our sites.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ila2A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: Ila2A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

The number of visitor accident/incidents will be at or below 4,969 accidents/incidents.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

2008

Target Year:

By September 30, 2008, the number of visitor accidents/incidents at Nez Perce National Historical Park is reduced from the

FY2000-FY2003 annual average of 3 to 0 (100% reduction).

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Accidents/incidents	Each accident/incident	Reduced	3	3

### 5-Year Results Plan:

The National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park is committed to providing a safe environment for our visitors. Widespread, isolated sites, in various stages of developed and natural environments present a challenge to park managers as we continue to identify potential safety issues and work to resolve them guickly and finally.

The park currently strives to conduct at least one safety inspection at each site each month. Given the miles seperating our sites, this is no easy task. We will continue to work with and find new partners who can assist us in monitoring our most remote sites and in identifying and correcting safety issues as they arise.

Park staff in contact with the public are provided with first aid and CPR training annually. Training in hazardous waste identification and handling, hazardous materials emergency response, emergency response, and basic fire safety are among the training that park staff partake in on a routine basis. Park staff continually update emergency response information for each of our park sites and continue to work with local law enforcement, fire, and medical teams to ensure that consistent and appropriate response mechanisms are in place and understood by all concerned. Safety information for each of our park sites is continually updated to alert our visitors to general and site-specific hazards.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ila2B Park/ Program Goal ID Number: Ila2B

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

The number of servicewide visitor fatalities will be at or below 100 (an 11% decrease from the FY2000 - FY2001 baseline of 112).

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, the number of visitor fatalities at Nez Perce National Historical Park will remain at zero.

2008

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Fatalities	Each fatality	Reduced	0	0

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

The National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park is committed to providing a safe environment for our visitors. Widespread, isolated sites, in various stages of developed and natural environments present a challenge to park managers as we continue to identify potential safety issues and work to resolve them quickly and finally.

While the National Park Service has not experience a visitor fatality at Nez Perce National Historical Park in recent history, we cannot afford to rest on our past accomplishments. The park currently strives to conduct at least one safety inspection at each site each month. Given the miles seperating our sites, this is no easy task. We will continue to work with and find new partners who can assist us in monitoring our most remote sites and in identifying and correcting safety issues as they arise.

Park staff in contact with the public are provided with first aid and CPR training annually. Training in hazardous waste identification and handling, hazardous materials emergency response, emergency response, and basic fire safety are among the training that park staff partake in on a routine basis. Park staff continually update emergency response information for each of our park sites and continue to work with local law enforcement, fire, and medical teams to ensure that consistent and appropriate response mechanisms are in place and understood by all concerned. Safety information for each of our park sites is continually updated to alert our visitors to general and site-specific hazards.

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Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: Ilb1 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: Ilb1

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

87% of visitors understand and appreciate the significance of the park they are visiting

percent

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):					Year:
By September 30, 2008, 87% of Nez Perce National Historical Park visitors understand the significance of the park					2008
Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Year (#	in Base Meeting lition):

Understand

Target

86

100

# Visitor understanding 5-Year Results Plan:

By inclusion in the National Park System, Congress has made clear that it considers the park resources and story of the Nez Perce people to be symbolic of our history as a nation. Understanding that importance, the National Park Service continues to provide a forum where visitors can interact directly with the park resources and Nez Perce people and their story and come to a greater understanding of the role that the Nez Perce story plays in their own lives and benefit from the knowledge.

Annual surveys conducted of our visitors indicate that 86% of our visitors leave the park understanding the significance of its resources and story. Even with that success behind us, the National Park Service continues to improve our ability to bring that message to our visitors and to expand our visitor base. Some of the projects that we will be tackling over the planning period include production of 65 interpretive waysides, many of them of stories or for sites not previously interpreted; production of new audio tours of our exhibits at the Spalding Visitor Center; production of a new park documentary film; increased use of the internet to get the park message out to publics that cannot otherwise visit the park; publication of an updated park handbook (long out of print) that provides a concise overview of the Nez Perce people; completion of historic research on the history of the Nez Perce who crossed into Canada and freedom in 1877; increased user access to historical documents documenting the history of the Nez Perce people and housed in the park archives at Spalding; continued research into the significance of the immense park museum collection focussed on the Nez Perce people; continued outreach to schools and training of teachers responsible for carrying the lessons of history to our youth; production of periodic park newletters and interpretive brochures; planning for the interpretive strategies to be employed at new and upcoming park sites; and continued management of site vegetation, cultural landscapes, and other resources to ensure that the environment at each park site is conducive to reflection upon the park's interpretive themes.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 17, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVa10A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVa10A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

X(TBD) (Y% of Z) of NPS heritage assets are in fair or good condition as measured by the FCI.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

2008

Target Year:

By September 30, 2008, 4 (100% of 4) heritage assets in Nez Perce National Historical Park are in fair or good condition as

measured by an FCI of 0.14 or lower.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Condition of asset	Each asset	Fair or good	4	4

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

This goal tracks the condition of buildings identified as historic assets at Nez Perce National Historical Park. These buildings are listed in both the Facility Maintenance Software System (FMSS) and the List of Classified Structures (LCS). For a discussion of features in the park's current LCS, please refer to Goal Ia5. Condition assessments for the purpose of tracking our progress toward meeting this goal are not the same as the condition assessments used in Goal Ia5. Further, this goal tracks the condition at the "asset" level and does not generally use the same measurement units used in Goal Ia5.

Buildings currently on the List of Classified Structures and identified as historic assets in FMSS at Nez Perce National Historical Park include: Fort Lapwai Officers Quarters; Agency Log Building; Agents Residence; and Watsons Store. All of these assets are currently assessed at the "good" level - the National Park Service will continue to maintain these assets at that level.

The National Park Service will be updating the records in the List of Classified Structures consistent with current definitions and perspectives on what constitutes individual "structures." Some features not currently listed are expected to be added over the planning period. While we do not presently anticipate baseline changes to this goal over the coming years, it is possible that these redefinitions will result in alteration of this goal or its baseline figures.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 17, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVa10B Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVa10B

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

NPS Non-historic buildings condition

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 31 (100% of 31) non-historic buildings in Nez Perce National Historical Park are in fair or good condition as measured by an FCI rating of 0.14 or below.

Target Year:

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Condition of asset	Each asset	Fair or good	31	30

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

This goal tracks the condition of non-historic buildings within Nez Perce National Historical Park. The goal is based on the Facility Condition Index (FCI) which is the ratio between total deferred maintenance and the current replacement value for assets (asset codes 4100 and 4300 that are non-historic) listed in the Facility Maintenance Software System (FMSS). An FCI of 0-0.14 is considered fair or good.

The National Park Service continues its commitment to improve the condition of assets by incorporating best practices, industry standards, and state-of-the-art maintenance management concepts into everyday activities whenever possible. Formal condition assessments document baseline conditions, determine the extent of work needed, and propose corrective actions.

The Visitor Center at Big Hole National Battlefield is currently assessed at a "poor" rating. The National Park Service has identified the needed corrective measures needed and we anticipate having the Visitor Center in "good" condition by the end of FY08.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 17, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVa10C Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVa10C

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

X (TBD) (Y% of Z) NPS other assets are in fair to good condition as measured by the FCI.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

*Year:* 2008

Target

By September 30, 2008, 49 (94% of 52) other facilities (non-historic, non-building asset types) are in fair to good condition as

measured by an FCI rating of 0.14 or lower at Nez Perce National Historical Park.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Condition of asset	Each asset	Fair or good	52	47

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

This goal tracks the condition of other facilities (non-building, non-historic asset types) at Nez Perce National Historical Park. These "other facilities" include unpaved roads, trails, campgrounds, water systems, and waste water systems (Facility Maintenance Software System asset types 1100 with attribute=unpaved, 2100, 3600, 5100, and 5200).

The Facility Condition Index (FCI) is the ratio between the total deferred maintenance and the current replacement value and the measurement unit is at the "asset" level.

The National Park Service continues its commitment to improve the condition of all asset types by incorporating best practices, industry standards, and state-of-the-art maintenance management concepts into everyday activities whenever possible. Formal condition assessments document baseline conditions, determine the extent of work needed, and propose corrective actions.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 17, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVa3 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVa3

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

100% of NPS employees have performance plans linked to appropriate park (office) strategic goals and annual goals

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

2008

Target Year:

By September 30, 2008, 100% of Nez Perce National Historical Park employee performance plans are linked to appropriate

strategic and annual performance goals and position competencies.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Employee performance plans	Each employee	Linked to goals	42	42

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

The progress of the National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park in meeting the demands placed upon it by Congress is measured by our performance toward meeting the goals set forth in Departmental, servicewide, and individual NPS unit Strategic Plans such as this. It only makes sense, then, that each of us, as individual contributors toward these goals, are measured in our professional development and accomplishments in the same way.

Each employee at Nez Perce National Historical Park is evaluated through their annual goals, monitored as they strive to accomplish those goals through the year, and assessed based upon their successful accomplishment of those goals. These goals are directly tied to the goals outlined in this document.

As employee positions change, as new permanent or temporary employees are added, the annual assessments will continue to be based on the individual perfomance toward meeting these goals.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: February 11, 2005

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVa5 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVa5

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

25% of employee housing units are in fair or good condition as measured by the Facilities Condition Index (FCI), based on condition assessments and data in FMSS.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, 4 (100% of 4) employee housing assets are in fair or good condition as measured by an FCI of 0.14 or lower at Big Hole National Battlefield.

Target Year:

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Employee housing	Each housing unit	Fair or Good	4	4

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

National Park Service owned employee housing is available at Big Hole National Battlefield. Employees using the housing are charged rates commensurate with the current local prevailing rate for similar housing. The availability of quality, affordable rental housing is particularly critical for a site like Big Hole Battlefield as it allows the park to recruit volunteers and a seasonal labor force to assist the large number of summer visitors and manage natural resources during those seasons when it is most effective. The private housing market of this rural area is currently unable to meet these intense, short-term demands.

The National Park Service at Big Hole National Battlefield will continue to use the rental receipts for this housing to maintain these assets in good condition, thus preserving the benefits they brings to park management.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 17, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVa6A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVa6A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

The NPS rolling 5-year (previous 5 years) average number of employee accidents will be at or below 3,000.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

Target Year:

By September 30, 2008, the number of Nez Perce National Historical Park employee lost-time injuries is reduced from the

2008

FY1999-2003, 5-year annual average of 2.6 to 0.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Incidents	Each incident resulting in injury	Reduced	2.6	2.6

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

The National Park Service values the many individuals who have dedicated their lives to meeting the mission set out by Congress for our agency. Our employees are fundamental to the acheivement of our goals. We place a high priority on implementing measures that will reduce employee injury or death. This goal measures our progress in preventing employee injuries.

The National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park continues to improve our identification of safety issues associated with the workplace; assessment of safety risks; and documentation of safety issues identified and corrected. We continue to take advantage of low cost and effective methods of providing safety training to each and every employee and relate safety training to the tasks associated with individual positions.

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 17, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVa6B Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVa6B

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

The servicewide Continuation of Pay (COP) hours will be at or below 54,100 hours (a 27% reduction from the FY 1997-2001 average of 73,775 hours).

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, the number of Nez Perce National Historical Park hours of Continuation of Pay is reduced from the FY 1997-2001 5-year annual average of 81.2 to 0.

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
COP hours	Each COP hour	Reduced	81.2	81.2

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

The National Park Service values the many individuals who have dedicated their lives to meeting the mission set out by Congress for our agency. Our employees are fundamental to the acheivement of our goals. We place a high priority on implementing measures that will reduce employee injury or death. Like related goal IVa6A, this goal measures our progress in preventing employee injuries. This goals uses the annual Continuation of Pay hours as a measurement of our success in eliminating injuries and the reduction in severity of injuries in terms of time spent recovering from those injuries.

The National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park continues to improve our identification of safety issues associated with the workplace; assessment of safety risks; and documentation of safety issues identified and corrected. We continue to take advantage of low cost and effective methods of providing safety training to each and every employee and relate safety training to the tasks associated with individual positions.

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Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 17, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVa6C Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVa6C

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

The NPS number of employee fatalities

By September 30, 2008, the number of Nez Perce National Historical Park employee fatalities is 0.	2008
Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic pla	nning period):

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Fatalities	Each fatality	Reduced	0	0

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

The National Park Service values the many individuals who have dedicated their lives to meeting the mission set out by Congress for our agency. Our employees are fundamental to the acheivement of our goals. We place a high priority on implementing measures that will reduce employee injury or death. This goal measures our progress in eliminating employee fatalities.

An employee fatality is the death of a person who is an on-duty NPS employee and that involves the direct use of, or interaction with, park facilities, roads, waters or resources; results from operating a motor vehicle or vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs; results from known or unknown pre-existing medical conditions; or is a death resulting from criminal activity (homicide, suicide, assault, robbery, vandalism, terrorism, etc.).

Park/ Program Name: NEZ PERCE NHP (BIHO)

Park/ Program Org Code: 9370 Date Last Updated: December 22, 2004

DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVb1A Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVb1A

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

NPS units have X community partnerships designed to enhance the parkÂs ability to manage recreation activities seamlessly.

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):

By September 30, 2008, Nez Perce National Historical Park has 63 community partnerships designed to enhance the park's ability to manage recreation activities seamlessly.

Target Year:

2008

Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):
Park Partnerships	Each partnership	Established	62	62

#### 5-Year Results Plan:

Congress never intended the National Park Service to go alone in carrying out the missions of Nez Perce National Historical Park and Big Hole National Battlefield. The National Park Service relies heavily upon partnerships at Nez Perce National Historical Park to protect and interpret all park sites, the vast majority of which are not owned or exclusively managed by the National Park Service.

Current partners run the gamut from individuals to tribal governments, private non-profits to other federal agencies. Our partners are located all over the United States and assist in ensuring that park sites are available to the public, that cultural and natural resources are identified and protected, and that visitors to the park are served by appropriate facilities and interpretation. A listing of these partners can be found in the introduction to this Strategic Plan.

Not all of our current relationships are codified through formal agreements. As the opportunity arises, the park continues to make progress toward formalizing these relationships. In other cases, our relationship is specific to a short-term goal and extends only during the course of meeting that goal. Such is the case with our relationships with many of the current groups organized around the bicentennial observance of the Corps of Discovery's Trek. While these relationships may pass, others will arise to take their place.

To find out how you can become a partner with the National Park Service at Nez Perce National Historical Park, please call Superintendent Doug Eury at (208) 843-2261 extension 111. We look forward to working with you.

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DOI Goal ID Number: NPS Goal ID Number: IVb2 Park/ Program Goal ID Number: IVb2

NPS Servicewide Goal Description (Mission or Long-term Goal text):

Each visitor

156 million visitors served by facilitated programs

Long-term Goal Performance Target (Park/ Program Long-term Goal text; adjust date for end of current strategic planning period):					Year:
By September 30, 2008, attendance at Nez Perce National Historical Park facilitated programs will decrease to 140634 (-1% over 142,055)					2008
Performance Indicator (what is measured):	Unit Measure:	Condition (Desired):	Total # Units in Baseline:	Status in Base Year (# Meeting Condition):	

attended

Target

136373

142055

## Facilitated programs 5-Year Results Plan:

Recognizing the importance of the story at Nez Perce National Historical Park, it might seem odd that our long-range goal envisions a decrease in the people touched by our interpretation. We have attempted to provide a realistic picture of our visitation to facilitated programs over the planning period, accounting for the present increase associated with the bicentennial of the Corps of Discovery trek across North America; the general decrease in travel resulting from the events of September 11, 2001, and the nation's continuing economic hardships; increased costs of gasoline and travel; a general trend toward local travel destinations; and our own best efforts to provide similar levels of service at the same cost as in years past in spite of rising costs. The National Park Service strives to adapt its methods to these challenges and changing audiences.

The National Park Service directly touches thousands of visitors to Nez Perce National Historical Park through a variety of programs located at park sites like the Spalding and Big Hole Battlefield visitor centers; classrooms throughout the region; more remote park sites like those at Bear Paw Battlefield or Old Chief Joseph Gravesite, and through programs in partnership locations. In addition, the thousands of visitors introduced to Nez Perce culture through the efforts of our many partners are not reflected here. As we continue to find cost-effective means of reaching the public, more and more of that burden will be shared by our partners.

Over the next five years, park staff will work with the National Park Service Corps of Discovery II unit and local parters to provide meaningful interpretation of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery at many park sites and other local venues. We will continue to develop, sponsor, or participate in programs like these, conducted in 2004: annual Nez Perce arts and crafts event at Spalding; Idaho Archeology and Historic Preservation Month speaker series; "In Nez Perce Country" book signing; annual meteor shower viewing; atlatl and tipi demonstrations; evening programs at the USFS Visitor Center in Enterprise, Oregon; national and regional conference and sympsoium presentations on Nez Perce culture and interpretation of Native cultures by park interpretors and museum staff;onsite and classroom presentations to regional school groups; training for history and social science teachers; and participation in festivals, events, and commemorations throughout the region. In addition, the park continues to work to increase our volunteer force, train others and find opportunities for Nez Perce tribal members to present programs on park themes, and increase and improve our ability to reach the public

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through our audio/visual programs, web-based interpretation, interpretive waysides, handbooks, brochures, newpapers, and other park-generated publications, and review and provide guidance for the many private publications dealing with Nez Perce history and touching millions who wouldn't otherwise receive the park interpretive message.

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